a liquid-pervious topsheet;

a liquid-impervious backsheet;

a liquid-absorbent core disposed between said liquid-pervious topsheet and said liquid-impervious backsheet;

a front waist region;

a rear waist region;

a crotch region extending between said front waist region and said rear waist region in a longitudinal direction of the diaper;

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wings formed on transversely opposite side portions of said rear waist region and extending outward in a circumferential direction intersecting said longitudinal direction, said wings having inner and outer surfaces and circumferentially outer side edges and circumferentially inner side regions; and

fastener sections formed on said wings and extending outward in said circumferential direction said fastener sections having inner surfaces and male mechanical fasteners members formed on and extending from said inner surfaces,

said wings comprising a nonwoven fabric made of thermoplastic synthetic fibers, said nonwoven fabric partially extends outward from the circumferentially outer side regions of said wings to form said fastener sections which are provided on the inner surfaces of the wings,

said wings being formed on the inner surfaces thereof with a plurality of fine fusion spots at which said fibers are fused together, said plurality of fine fusion spots being arranged so that

there is a greater number of said fine fusion spots per unit area in said outer side regions of said wings than in inner regions of said wings that extend inward from said outer side regions.

2. (Twice Amended) The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said nonwoven fabric is stiffer in said circumferentially outer side regions of said wings that in said circumferentially inner side regions of said wings.

3. (Twice Amended) The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said male mechanical fastener members are releasably engaged with said inner side regions of said wings.

Please add new claim 4 as follows:

4. (New) The diaper according to Claim 1 wherein said plurality of fine fusion spots comprise discrete spots that penetrate into the inner surface of the wing.